

[illegible]

The following kiosk/display panel information was researched with a number of considerations in mind:

- They will sometimes be submerged.
- Some will be at remote locations that are not regularly patrolled.
- They should offer inviting, richly displayed information that enhances the waterway experience and entices new enthusiasts to the water.
- They should include a way to distribute map pamphlets about the water trail.

Some kind of informational kiosk is required at least at some of the major accesses along each water trail. It is a local decision to determine where they would be best located. If a different type of solution works better for your local project, using a different kiosk style at accesses that those described below will not prevent your group from receiving a state water trails grant.

HOWEVER, to meet the criteria of the state water trail system, you must have the following information incorporated into kiosks and brochures:

- River and/or lake touring information including description of what one will encounter on the water.
- Fishing information on the waterway (including species with pictures). You are encouraged to contact your [district fisheries biologist](#) for assistance.
- River and/or lake safety information.
- Information on wildlife that visitors may encounter on the river. You are encouraged to contact staff from the [Iowa Wildlife Diversity Program](#) for assistance.
- Local historical and cultural information relating to the river or other type of waterway. Historical societies are often a good resource.

Material	Price range	Longevity	Vendors
1/8" aluminum thermal printed with UV coating	\$250-400	Three to four years before images begin to fade due to UV; may be able to extend life by posting vertically facing printed side north. Not "vandal resistant"	Ames First Class Signs 515-232-4738 Anamosa Prison Industries www.iaprisonind.com
Fiberglass-embedded	\$900-\$1,500	Warranted for 10 years; can last 20 years and more; considered "vandal resistant" because image penetrates into fiberglass layer (scratchproof), and paint/etc. can be burned off. No UV fading. Still not bulletproof!	Folia www.folia.ca
Fossil Phenolic laminate/composite	\$500-700 (including design, layout, production, layout proofs, color proofs, and shipping)	Warranted 10 years, can last 10-20 years; exceedingly vandal/UV resistant.	www.fossilinc.com

If you believe your company or product should be added to this list, please call the Department of Natural Resources Water Trails Coordinator at 515-281-3134.

Bases

Aluminum or painted steel bases can be purchased in the \$200 to \$400 range. First Class Signs is interested in fabricating these, as may be other Iowa signmakers. Otherwise, bases are available out of state from:

www.best-exfab.com/traditional-concrete-in-ground-sunken-metal-posts.html.